

**ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS**

~~An~~ ~~The invention relates to an apparatus~~ is provided for the actuation of at least one pivotable external element of a vehicle, ~~(6, 7, 8, 15, 16)~~, in particular of a top element of a convertible vehicle ~~[[ (2) ]]~~, with at least one pivot joint ~~(10A, 10B, 10C, 10D, 10E, 10F, 11A, 11B, 13A, 13B, 14A, 14B, 17A, 17B)~~ and a drive ~~(18, 19, 20, 21, 22)~~ ~~being provided for the pivoting of the external element of the vehicle (6, 7, 8, 15, 16)~~. ~~In this connection, the~~ The drive may be ~~is made as~~ an electric motor ~~(18, 19, 20, 21, 22)~~ which introduces a drive torque directly into the at least one pivot joint. (10A, 10B, 11A, 11B, 13A, 13B, 14A, 14B, 17A, 17B).

(Fig. 1)